Sixth (!!!) Street – Monday Morn –

My dear Gray –

I wrote ran a letter about a week ago, & have to thank ran for the Obit. notice of poor Oakes, since received; & which reached me duly, tho' addressed to 8th Street! Yesterday I dined with Brother Sam. who shewed me a copy of Bot. Beech. Bay. which he had just bought at Auction for $7.50!! On turning to the char.r of the genus "Grayia" I discovered to my no small astonishment, what I have made the subject of the annexed note, & which, if ran find it intelligible & suitable in form, please forward at once to Silliman, to subjoin to my paper as a ps. I did not know, when I wrote to ran, whether it was published or not, but Sam. who has since received the last number, tells me that it is not – I should therefore prefer it's being made more complete by this addition – As to the fact itself, I shall only permit myself to remark, that if certain learned professors, who assume to guide the public by their "Manuals" – State Floras &c. would only do up their work clean & thoroughly, & consult the volumes which exist in their own Libraries, there would be less occasion for poor gentlemen Amateurs to follow their footsteps with mop & duster to clear up their track –

I know nothing of Torrey, & am proposing to go to the Coll. to hunt him up, as I cannot imagine why I have not seen him unless he has concluded his lectures & decamped without beat of drum – I continue a very poor creature – alternately fretting & physicking, without I fear much benefit to soul or body. – Kindest love to the "winsome wee thing" &

believe me ever Yr. L.

When ran write to Dana tell him to send ran (or me) the sheets of Tuck.'s last paper if he has any waste ones left –

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